which appeared in the 'Statesman' of 25th April, 1986 under the caption "Mirage firm keen on collaboration";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreemnt has been reached with the said firm; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government has no proposal for collaboration with the French Company MATRA at present.

Suggestion of Pakistan to India for meeting between Home Secretaries of the two countries

1374. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has recently made a suggestion to India for a meeting between the Home Secretaries of the two countries to discuss steps to check illegal border crossing and gunrunning;

(b) if so, in what precise terms the suggestion has been made; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There was a general suggestion for such a meeting which was to have been kept confidential. However, senior Pakistani representatives had made this proposal public even before it could be considered.

(c) Existing diplomatic channels are considered adequate, if Pakistan is really serious about discussions. If necessary, we are open to other suggestions also.

Creation of separate development Administration at Block and District levels

1375. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee on administrative arrangements for rural development (CAARD) set up by the Planning Commission headed by Dr. G. V. K. Rao, have recommended for the creation of separate development administration at block and district levels, with horizontal and vertical linkages; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The G. V. K. Rao Committee has recommended restructuring of development administration at the district and block levels with horizontal and vertical linkages.

(b) The report has been circulated for the ascertaining the reaction of the State Governments.

White Paper on Punjab imbroglio

1376. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuing linkages of the terrorists and extremists of Punjab with foreign countries, particularly Pakistan; and

(b) whether Government propose to bring out a white paper on different aspects of Punjab imbroglio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been considered necessary to publish a white paper.